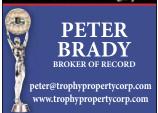
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## Stealing Christmas

The "mayor" and the Grinch were just one part of the **Pinestone Resort** and Conference Centre's The **Grinch Who Stole Christmas float** in the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 22. Staff were dressed as characters from the Dr. Seuss book and handed out cookies to parade watchers, lined along Highland Street.

See more photos on page 16.

**Darren Lum** Staff

## Policing costs could soar across county

**Jenn Watt** Editor

In Dysart et al, policing costs are forecasted to increase 156 per cent by 2015 – from \$144 per household this year to \$369 one year later.

Similar increases are possible for the county's

other municipalities, with both Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands councils decrying the change at last week's meetings.

They pay \$134 and \$76 respectively and will both end up paying the \$369 per household cost

For Dysart, that increase means \$1,686,043 in extra tax dollars.

The increase is unfair, says Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, who hopes municipalities' concerns will force the province to change the model.

"I think they are floating trial balloons to see what the reaction is," he said.

"I hope they are, because if that's what they

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## **AMO** calling for financial relief on OPP payments

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intend on doing there's probably going to be a lot of municipalities that will hand them the keys and say, you run it, province, because we can't put people out of their houses and that's what these kinds of increases will do."

Fearrey said paying for provincial police through property tax makes little sense and disproportionately affects areas like Haliburton, that have large seasonal popula-

"[T]o turn around and say you're going to count seasonal residents as putting the same amount of pressure on [police] as fulltime residents, that's not even reasonable,"

According to the reeve, Dysart will be billed for about 7,400 residents, when about 3,000 of those are fulltime.

Additionally, as of Jan. 1, the OPP will be giving its officers a 8.5 per cent wage increase, something Fearrey said is ill-timed.

The new model came after the province's auditor general flagged the billing model as unclear and imbalanced.

Consultation was done with 65 Ontario municipalities asking how they would like to be billed and 324 municipalities were surveyed about changing the model.

The proposed model, which hasn't yet been enacted, bills in two parts: the base services at \$260 per household a year and calls for service (at about 27 per cent of the cost) for "reactive" calls.

While the costs in Haliburton County would go up substantially, those in other municipalities are set to drop.

In neighbouring Bancroft, each household currently pays about \$660 a year - a number its council has been actively campaigning to change for years.

The new model, in that council's opinion, is a godsend. Bancroft's Mayor Bernice Jenkins told her council she was "elated" by the new model, saying her town had been front and centre in lobbying for change.

The policy director for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Monika Turner, said her challenge is representing the winners and losers in creating a new model.

AMO has been in talks with the OPP throughout the process and Turner says she has advocated for two separate implementations - one for those whose costs are dropping and another to help those whose costs are going

"Those who have been paying too much, we're asking that the government bring them down and start mitigating those costs now," said Turner.

'Whereas for the others [with costs going up]... they want a lot of notice and then phased implementation with new mitigation money," she said.

Even with a phased approach, AMO has been telling the

For others [with costs going up] ... they want a lot of notice and then phased implementation with new mitigation money.

> — Monika Turner Director of Policy Association of Municipalities of Ontario

province that more money needs to be injected to soften what will be a "massive increase" for some small munici-

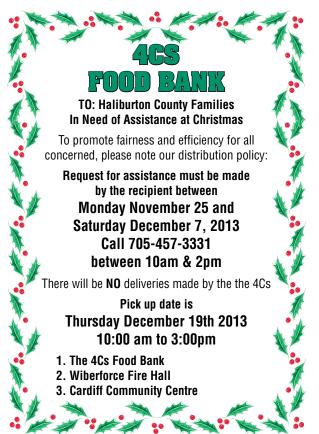
That said, the decision is in the hands of the OPP, which has been consulting with AMO and municipalities for more than a year.

## Reader warns others of scam letter offering to share inheritance



## Here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting



Scam messages don't only show up in your inbox, they can also make their way to your mailbox.

One reader sent a copy of a letter he received from someone named Roy Leroy claiming to be a senior account manager with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The letter says a man has died with more than seven million pounds in his account. With no next of kin available, Leroy suggests the money can be transferred to someone else in Canada.

The writer proposes a split of the profits, should the Canadian stand in as next of kin to receive the money.

The letter was sent from postal code M4L 1A5 and is similar to an email fraud letter.

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## Another cocktail win for Curry

Haliburton's Scot Curry has won another award for his creative drink making. For the second year in a row, Curry took home the Alta Bisto Cocktail Competition title with his drink, Five Alarm Fizz.

Curry has been on a winning streak in the last year, most recently nabbing a trip to France for his work.

## **Devolin holds 100th** passport clinic

There was cake and celebration when MP Barry Devolin passed the 100 mark for passport clinics held in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on Nov. 13.

According to a press release from Devolin's office, more than 75 people came to the Lindsay Legion to celebrate with cake and coffee.

"The very first passport clinic was held on Jan. 6, 2005 on a snowy morning at the Lindsay Square Mall," said Devolin. "At that point, we weren't sure what to expect, so we really didn't arrive too much before the scheduled start time of 10 a.m. When we opened the doors, there were people lined up around the corner. That took me and my staff by total

Since then, Devolin's office has processed 15,692 passports.





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## MNR pilot program welcomed by advisory council hunter

#### **Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

The spring bear hunt has returned to parts of Ontario, for now.

On Nov. 14 the Ministry of Natural Resources announced it was proposing a two-year pilot program that would see the controversial spring bear hunt come back to northern parts of the province.

Starting next year hunters will be allowed to legally hunt bears in eight wildlife management units in the spring, which include North Bay, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Tim-

The proposed hunt will run from May 1 to June 15, during both 2014 and 2015.

The news has many outdoor enthusiasts pleased with the government's decision, which comes following the cancellation of the spring bear hunt by the Conservative government in 1999.

The decision for the pilot came from feedback from the public, said Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for the MNR.

"We have increasingly heard from northerners and northern municipalities that they are concerned about public safety and human-bear conflicts," she said.

Kim Roberts has been a hunter for more than 30 years.

She is in favour of the pilot program, particularly with the population of bears being sustainable.

"I feel it was all political motivation that it was cancelled, and not for the good of natural resources," said Roberts.

For more than 10 years Roberts has served on the Minden fish and wildlife advisory council, which is affiliated with the  $\overline{\text{MNR}}$ 

Every year Roberts takes part in the fall bear hunt, which this year ran from Sept. 3 to Nov. 30.

She doesn't plan to participate in the pilot program

because the permitted hunting areas are so far from Haliburton County. Instead she would like to see a return of the hunt as it once existed.

"I think it should be as it was before, I think it should be provincewide," said Roberts, who added her desire for its return does not come solely from the fact she's a hunter but on wanting to see sustainable wildlife management throughout the province.

Kowalski says at this time the ministry is not looking to bring the spring hunt back to the entire province, but will instead evaluate the success of the pilot once it is complete.

"A two-year time frame should provide sufficient time to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot," she said, adding it is premature to speculate what will happen with bear management beyond the timeframe of the program.

Terry Quinney, provincial manager for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters points to the rising number of problem bears throughout the province as what swayed the MNR.

"We have documentation ... of the tremendous increase in problems that were being reported by people here in Ontario after the cancellation of the spring bear hunt," he says.

The manager points to neighbouring provinces Quebec and Manitoba, who continue to have a spring bear hunt, as a comparison tool.

"They experienced no such change during the same period of time in the number of problem bear calls they were getting," he said.

Quinney says the return of the spring bear hunt reincorporates the benefits of regulated public hunting as a successful wildlife population management tool at a time of the year when it can benefit most.

"[In the past] the spring bear hunt had been harvesting about 4,000 bears each spring, and those were mostly males," he said. "That was assisting in controlling the size of the bear population but it was also assisting in reducing the aggression and cannibalism by male bears on other bears."

Equally important, the hunt was reducing the probability of dangerous encounters with bears and the public, says Quinney.

"We take no comfort in this ... but the OFAH predicted these negative consequences, predicted an increase in (for example) the number of dangerous encounters with people. We predicted that based on our knowledge of bear biology and population biology," he says.

According to the MNR, the areas that were selected for the pilot program were chosen based on high levels of reported nuisance bear activity.

Apart from wildlife management and public safety, the OFAH points to the economic benefits for northern Optario

Prior to its cancellation, the spring hunt generated more than \$40 million per year in economic activity, according to a news release by the OFAH.

Those who live in bear country will have the most to gain from this pilot program and the OFAH is hoping the MNR turns the pilot program into something permanent, says Quinney.

"We hope [the government] will expand the geographic locations to include other communities," he says.

"There is a scientifically proven technique that can help people, help society and reinstate the stature of the black bear in Ontario as not a problem, as not a danger, but as a valuable natural resource that we can use wisely."

Roberts, too, is pleased with the MNR's decision, but would like to see more in the future.

"I'm happy that possibly they're taking the voice of the hunters and scientists instead of being politically motivated by the wrong person," she said.

Roberts believes the ministry could provide more bear education to the public.

The spring pilot program is only open to residents of Ontario. The program will prohibit the hunting of cubs or females with cubs.



## **HHHSF** receives generous donation

Jamie Chisholm, president and owner of New Urban Retail Inc., left, helped with the opening ceremonies for the Haliburton Tim Hortons where its owner and operator Nancy Bishop made a "generous donation" to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker for the Believe in the Magic of Giving Christmas campaign on Friday, Nov. 15. This money contributes to the \$250,000 goal to purchase priority medical equipment such as medication dispening units, patient lifts, bath chairs and portable ultrasound machine for Haliburton and Minden. Urban Retail developed the Tim Hortons' property.

**Darren Lum** Staff

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### Police awards

Haliburton's Chris Judge honoured for saving man's life. Page 11.

## Water Ambassadors partner to send chlorinators to the Philippines

**Jenn Watt** Editor

Clean drinking water for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan could come in a football-sized package, if two North American water charities get enough interest from the public.

Water Ambassadors Canada and Kentucky-based Water-Step are partnering to send special chlorinators to the Philippines that require few resources and can help thousands.

"Those chlorinators have been proven in Costa Rica [after the earthquake] and on the ground in Haiti," said Barry Hart, Haliburton resident and chairman of Water Ambassadors.

The machines, manufactured by WaterStep, use one 12-volt battery or solar panel and "a handful of table salt," Hart said, to clean up to 40,000 litres of water a day.

According to Oxfam, a humanitarian group, more than four million people in the Philippines have been displaced since the typhoon hit Nov. 8.

Hart said there are 100 chlorinators ready to go, if enough donations come in, with the potential to manufacture many more.

Each system costs \$3,600, which includes chlorinator, solar panel, hand pump and water bladder among other components.

On its website, WaterStep compares that figure to the cost of sending bottled water to disaster victims: "One 747 cargo plane loaded with 325,000 plastic bottles of water equals 40,000 gallons of water at an approximate cost of

\$630,000 dollars and is a one time use solution. Then there is the problem of disposing all of the plastic bottles. One M-100 Chlorine Generator is capable of producing 50,000 gallons of safe water each and every day for a one time cost of \$3,600 per kit."

Water Ambassadors Canada is a Christian organization that has been installing wells since 2002 in places such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Central America and Uganda.

WaterStep has been providing training and technology in water provision since 2001 with the two organizations working together since 2009.

The chlorinators will be distributed by charities on the ground and talks are ongoing about shipping with the hopes of finding a company that will take the units overseas for free

Donations to the Water Ambassadors/WaterStep partnership will determine how many units can be shipped. Those interested in donating can go to waterstep.org/current-projects/disaster-relief or www.waterambassadorscanada.org.

WaterStep M-100 chlorinators can process as much as 40,000 litres of water a day and are about the size of a football. A partnership between Canadian charity Water Ambassadors Canada and WaterStep could see hundreds of these units in typhoon-striken Philippines if enough donations come in.

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## New company takes over transportation services

As of Dec. 1, non-emergency transfers will be conducted by Voyageur Transportation Services.

In a press release, the company announced it will be hiring more than 75 people to cover its expansion, which includes Barrie, Newmarket, Uxbridge, Peterborough, Minden and Haliburton among several other towns

New offices will be located in Barrie, Peterborough and Minden, the release says.

According to Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian, Voyageur will be replacing Remote Transfer, which previously provided the service.

HHHS was not involved in the process of selecting the new service. That was handled by the Central Ontario Healthcare Procurement Alliance for the whole region.

Voyageur's head office is in London, Ont.

## New book explores natural and cultural heritage of Land Between

**Jenn Watt** 

Editor

The land where the Canadian Shield meets the Great Lakes Lowlands fosters an environment with distinct geographical and ecological features.

It is a home to southern creatures such as the five-lined skink and loggerhead shrike, but also of the northern ones including the wolf, grey jay and moose.

But it is more than that, argues Leora Berman and her organization The Land Between, and over the past couple of years, they've been working to educate the public about the social and cultural history of the place as well.

Their most recent endeavour has been the release of *The* Land Between: Encounters on the Edge of the Canadian Shield, a 167-page, full-colour book of essays and photographs from this special area.

The region's economy is relying on tourism and natural capital. And so to increase the regional identity and the celebration of this region, and therefore to support tourism, we developed not only the documentary, the app, but this book," said Berman.

The book includes essays by academics, naturalists, historians and geographers all passionate about the Land Between, which stretches from Port Severn in the west to Kingston in the east.

All along the narrow strip is a zone that shares common characteristics including marshy, rocky land mixed with forests and lakes as Ontario shifts from its agricultural south to its forested north.

Much of Haliburton County is incorporated within the Land Between and many of the essays examine the area's history and environment.

Guy Scott writes about Kinmount in an essay about settlement of the area; Laurel Sefton MacDowell examines the life of local stonemason John Billing, who built St. Peter's Anglican Church near Carnarvon; Doug Armstrong recalls cottaging on Kushog Lake and discovering the "coldblooded treasures" in the turtles and other reptiles; John Marsh writes about the rail line that brought settlers to the area; and Michele Proulx covers the uranium mining past of Highlands East and Bancroft, among other Haliburtonrelated articles.

"The majority of Haliburton is in the Land Between," said Berman. "It ends when you see a heightened elevation. When you drive up to Haliburton Forest and you notice that sudden climb, you're on the dome. As soon as it gets into lots of coniferous trees, no exposed bedrock you're on the Algonquin Dome."

Last year, The Land Between corporation released a documentary that detailed the history and environment in the area, which was shown on TVO to about 230,000 viewers.

The documentary was distributed to all of the area high schools and free curriculum is available to download for teachers

The organization also launched an interactive app for iPhone and iPad, which introduces users to features along their travels including information, videos and maps.

This book is the next piece, which has been a long time

"For seven years, I've been developing partnerships and doing collaborative foundational projects - that includes inventorying cultural assets, natural assets, stories. We finally got the foundation we needed in terms of understanding this region ... to create a platform," said Berman.

While she regularly has to teach people about what and where the Land Between is, Berman doesn't see any conflicts with other regional branding, such as the regional tourism organizations or local governments.

"The Land Between is scientifically defensible as a region so right away, in terms of management authorities or planning authorities, upper level governments accept that boundary change," she said.

"It enhances their identity to be part of the Highlands and the Land Between," she said, noting three different regional tourism organizations fall within the Land Between.

The goal of recent work, including the book, is to provide more information and celebration of the region, Berman

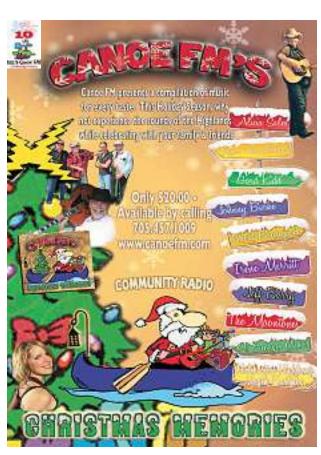
"To put this landscape and the stories of its people on the map so it's cherished and celebrated and stewarded."

The Land Between book is available at Master's Book Store, Baked and Battered, The Forest Store in Haliburton and Ashlie's in Bancroft as well as at Chapters/Indigo. You can also go online to www.thelandbetween.ca/store.asp.



Jenn Watt Staff

Leora Berman, founder of The Land Between corporation, holds a copy of the group's newest endeavour, The Land Between: Encounters on the Edge of the Canadian Shield on Nov. 21. The book includes essays from historians, environmentalists and academics about the ecotone where the Canadian Shield meets the Great Lakes Lowlands.





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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

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## **Ballooning costs**

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NEW FUNDING MODEL for the Ontario Provincial Police was a long time coming.

For years, some municipalities have been paying far too much for policing, while others paid too little.

The proposed model, however, doesn't fix the underlying problem: a service that is too costly for the populations that depend on it.

This past week, area municipalities began grappling with the prospect of paying more for police services - much more.

The most pronounced leap is in Algonquin Highlands, where previously the cost was about \$76 a household.

Algonquin Highlands, alongside Dysart et al and Highlands East could see that cost skyrocket to \$369 per house-

Depending on population, it's an increase in taxation of between \$800,000 and more than \$1.6 million.

A tough pill to swallow, especially in small municipalities with few resources.

But not too far from here, some people are rejoicing at the proposed funding model.

In Bancroft, the mayor there is "elated" at the change, actively advertising that she and her council were instrumental in getting things done.

That's because, for people living in the town of Bancroft, the annual household policing bill has been \$660.

This model would cut their tax bill in

Few are able to explain exactly why the current model is so imbalanced, which is part of the reason it's changing.

In 2012, the auditor general told the province to make its policing costs more transparent and since then work has been done to find a better way.

This new scheme would apply a base cost per household with a small (27 per cent) variable based on how many calls the police get in each municipality.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey points out that in

this county, a large number of households are actually cottagers, who don't use police most of the year.

However, the bigger issue - and one this model can't address - is how incredibly high police costs are to begin with.

Just as municipalities start to come to terms with huge new bills, OPP staff will receive an 8.5 per cent wage increase.

The next step for local governments is to fight the change as much as they can, either with larger associations or on their

As they should: the cost is an incredible imposition on residents, many who will struggle to find the extra cash come tax time.

But beyond adjustments to the model, the provincial government must hear the entire system is too costly and needs to be reined in.

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Lynda Shadbolt

Tales from The Great

Green Meadow

My friend and I just came back from a silent retreat at the Galilee Centre in Arnprior. Galilee (www.galileecentre.com) is a

place of peace, spiritual healing and transformation for women and men of all ages. It is a Christian-based organization but welcomes people of all faiths and backgrounds. The retreat that we went on was called "Presence with the body - discovering ease, freedom and stability - a yoga and meditation retreat." The retreat was offered by True North Insight (www.truenorthinsight. org) which is a charitable organization that offers a full schedule of insight meditation retreats and courses in English and French.

True North is dedicated to cultivating wisdom, kindness and compassion. There are many people in Haliburton County who have travelled to Huntsville to take the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program with Dr. Bill Knight, and he is one of the teachers and retreat leaders for True North.

My friend and I started our retreat on a Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and finished on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. We were silent the entire time. Of course the meditation and yoga instructors talked when they taught, but at no time did any of the students break the silence except for a private meeting with an instructor. Our days started at 5:45 a.m. with an hour of yoga followed by 45 minutes of quiet seated (on a chair or on a cushion) meditation.

The rest of the day and the evenings were filled with more yoga, seated and walking meditations. I was a bit nervous when I arrived because it has been a long time since I've gone on a retreat with this much silence. I wondered if I could do it and worried a bit about feeling fatigued and emotional

after a busy fall of helping my mother and her healing heart. To my surprise I discovered that almost immediately I felt a sense of relief and gratitude.

Relief that I had this time to myself and could be in a group and not have to say anything. And gratitude for my friends and family who were at home helping out so that I could be here. Throughout the retreat I had times of discomfort in my body, my mind wandered to all kinds of things in my life and I felt the worry I had carried

about my mom all fall. And at the same time, as the 25 of us sat/walked/did yoga together in silence my gratitude continued to grow and I found myself appreciating the moments, and the beauty that was around me in such a way that I had no words to describe it.

I slowed down so much and had the time to really appreciate the delicious food we were served, the stunning grounds of the retreat centre as a I walked in silence and the gift of my own breath.

By the end of the retreat I felt so quiet, grounded, peaceful and really present to myself and to the earth.

And so did everyone in the room. I felt like I got such a gift of rejuvenation and rest from 25 people who I never talked to. It was incredible how connected we were through our breath and our silence. There are so many possibilities for healing and rejuvenation for our bodies.

And for that I am thankful!

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## points of view

## **Never cry wolf**

The other day Jenn and I were watching a Nature of Things documentary on dogs. Needless to say, it was a slow TV night.

In that show, they were trying to debunk some of the misconceptions we have about our dogs. One of the more interesting things, they noted was that there were major behavioral distinctions between dogs and wolves.

They said that when a wolf is domesticated it still prefers other wolves over people. Domestic dogs, on the other hand, prefer people over dogs. That's very heartwarming, of course -

but the problem with this science is that they didn't take it far enough.

For instance, I'm fairly confident that if I put my dog Callie in a room with me and another dog, she'd prefer the contents of a litter box over us both. How heartwarming is that?

This to me highlights the major problem with science - which is basically, it never asks me.

I'm not saying David Suzuki and his friends are not bright people but, let's face it; they've obviously never been around dogs.

If they had consulted me, I could have helped set the record straight. I've been a dog owner for years, after all, and I've got the chewed up boots to prove it.

Steve Galea

**Loon Tales** 

Here's another example. They tried to tell me that a dog on a leash who tries to rush out the door ahead of its human isn't trying to dominate that person. They say that while wolves show dominance by leading the pack, with dogs and leashes this is simply a sign of eagerness.

But that's only because they didn't hang around long enough to watch that dog drag the person down the snowy side hill immediately outside of that door, in hot pursuit of a squirrel.

If you have been around dogs, squirrels and snow side hills, as I have, you quickly understand that dogs and wolves are essentially the same thing. Dogs are just smart enough to employ us.

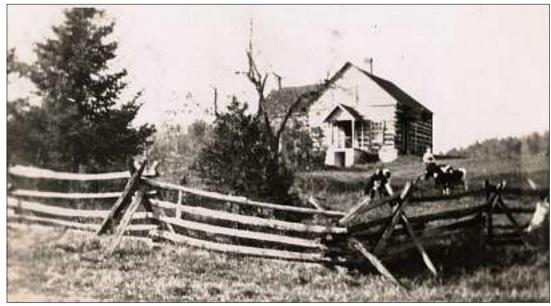
The only other difference is that wolves have enough common courtesy to generally leave us alone, unless of course vou decide to walk through the woods wearing a red hood - in which case you deserve what you get. Oh, and wolves don't wreck the house without knocking on the door and huffing and puffing first. They're polite that way.

Other than that domestic dogs are simply just a more civilized type of wolf. Make no mistake, our two dogs, Millie and Callie, are a pack. The only difference is they are a smart pack that has figured out a way for me to do its horrible bidding. If you don't think they're dominant, name me one other pet that makes us carry their poop in a plastic bag.

If wolves knew how easy my dogs had it they would howl with jealousy. And my dogs would howl back but only if it were somewhere around 3 a.m.

Heck, when you think about it you actually feel sorry for wolves. I mean they're outside all winter working really hard to make ends meet and my dogs, their distant cousins, are lounging around on cushions in a heated basement making more plans for downhill runs at squirrels and trying to figure out how to open the food barrel.

Maybe Suzuki and the crew are right. Yup, wolves and dogs are very different. Wolves could learn a lot from dogs.



## pic of the past

illiam and Catherine Barnum's farm at the end of Pine Lake, West Guilford. Submitted. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to run bring it to the Echo at 146 Highland St. or email tara. oreilly@sunmedia.ca.

letters to the editor

## **Grateful for HHHS** Let's shop local

To the Editor,

If you were wondering about supporting our local community hospital here in Haliburton, you may want to consider what happened to me.

On the night of Nov. 10, I was taken by ambulance to our hospital. I did not know it, but I was in very dire straits. Dr. Beattie and his young lady resident suspected what my problem was. Some quick research confirmed their suspicions. They then acted decisively and quickly to arrange the fastest way possible, air ambulance, to get me to Peterborough hospital, where I could get the help I needed. I came home after five days and I am feeling much better now.

I have absolutely no doubt that the personnel in our small hospital saved my life and I will be eternally grateful. Be very glad we have our wonderful little hospital here. Thank you.

Pat Mitchell Haliburton

To the Editor,

Many thanks for the article on my new book about the OPP for children.

Omitted from the story was the fact that Master's Books and Haliburton V&S store carry the book. Let's shop local!

> **Michael Barnes** Haliburton

More letters to the Editor on page 8

## BOONEVILLE





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to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 16th. Early delivery to the *workshops* means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

This is the 18th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 18th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

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## letters

# **Another dangerous** spring coming

To the Editor,

As someone who's been coming to the Haliburton Highlands for over 45 years, last spring's flooding in Minden and the TSW's assertion that nothing could have been done to prevent it, were of particular interest and concern. Granted, the circumstances were extraordinary, but I would argue that at this time last year the TSW could in fact have been doing something. And that something is making sure the lake levels don't get too high before

Log onto the TSW's website right now and you will find that many lakes are at, near, or above historic highs. What does this mean? Based on recent history it strongly suggests we're in for another

We're on Drag Lake and the change in water levels from spring to fall is roughly three vertical feet. Last year at this time we knew there was too much water in our lake. Sure enough, due to issues down river the TSW had no choice but to let our lake rise above capacity levels and break the banks of the shoreline. It was, by any definition, unsafe. It took weeks for the lake to get down just to capacity. During that time a lot of damage was done to

docks and shorelines.

But this isn't the first time this has happened. For reasons that haven't been explained, authorities have decided their mandate is to make sure the water level is always at its absolute highest capacity in the spring. Yes, there's more water in the lake for more of the summer, but unless the weather conditions each fall, winter and spring are absolutely average, each year now brings issues of too much water and nowhere to let it go. Is it absolutely essential our lake water level reach its very highest capacity each spring? No. Drag is over 190 feet deep. It can handle a variance. In fact, it should be allowed for.

This never used to happen. Ever. But for the past 10 years or so, we've had more issues with increased water levels than we ever did in the previous 35 years. How can this be in this age of advanced technology and ease of communication?

From our limited view of one lake's annual rise and fall, we don't feel as if there is proper supervision and management anymore. And once again, we'll brace for the capacity issues in the spring.

> Jeff MacDonald **Drag Lake**

## Grappling with mortality

#### **Gerald Irish**

A Seniors Moment

We, as seniors, labour under the misconception that all the major concerns and unfairness are exclusively ours. As we hear of more and more of our friends and family members falling to some disease or even death, it makes us even more aware of our own mortality.

As more people (we label as seniors) pass away, we realize how precious time is. How much grieving do we have to endure? How much can we endure?

We do not have a monopoly on grief and sorrow. Illness and death are not the private domain of the older. This was made real to me when, one night in August, a former student of mine called at our home for a visit. I had taught this young man over 40 years ago; this was our first visit since that time.

During the course of our conversation, we learned of the illness and eventual death of his wife after more than 20 years of marriage. Her passing, only recently, left him alone and three children minus one par-

Loss, loneliness, unfairness, trying to deal with these varied emotions was written all over his face. I can only hope that by just listening we gave him a chance to vent his sorrows and helped him in some small way. A lecture on coping would have been futile and silly on my part because I really don't know how I would cope if I lost my life partner and best friend. We, as seniors, have so much to offer. Our experiences over our many years must have taught us something. We do not have all the answers. We do not know everything. Sometimes silence speaks volumes.

One good thing did come out of this visit. It made me realize that, as a senior, I must treasure each day as it is given to me. I must make sure that those I love know that they

Life is fleeting; time is not on our side anymore. So live, laugh, love and share love with all, while you still can.

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# Highlands

Scot Denton, Artistic Producer

## Make it a Dramatic Christmas what's on



Adapted by Robert Johanson from the novel by Charles Dickens: A story of pride and ambition blinding a soul to the true values of life, Great Expectations follows the life of the orphan, Pip. We first meet him as a tiny, terrified child in a village churchyard. Years later, through the help of an anonymous benefactor, Pip will travel to London, full of expectations to become a gentleman. One of the greatest works of

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Conceived by Thom Currie It's the Summer of 1973 and four old friends have snuck away from their 10th high school reunion and broken into their old hangout. As they contemplate their lives and the future, the four look back upon their high school years and remember the music of their youth. What follows is a rollicking non-stop journey through over seventy top-ten hits from 1959 through 1963. A wonderful celebration of the biggest top-ten hits of the late

fifties and early sixties.

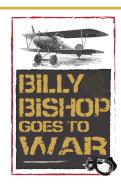


"The Last Resort" is an off-thewall. madcap, murder mystery musical comedy with book by Norm Foster and music and lyrics by Leslie Arden A group

of apparent strangers are staying the night in Saskatchewan's Last Resort, a hotel in the middle of nowhere that will serve as the perfect hideout for mob informant Nick Galeazzo. On the run with FBI agent Angela Miller, Nick is paranoid and assumes that every other guest in the hotel is out to kill him.

Book by Norm Foster

Music & Lyries by



Written and composed by John Gray in collaboration with Eric Peterson. Since its first staging in 1978, Billy Bishop Goes to War has become one of the most popular and oft-produced theatrical works in Canada's history. Anchored by its haunted hero and his clear-eyed memories of war's tragedies and black comedies, this awardwinning musical creation is given extra resonance by songs that are sometimes raucous. sometimes mournful, but

always steeped in the realities of wartime. Experience Billy Bishop and connect body and soul with a formative part of Canada's history as the world marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Andrew Rally seems to have it all: celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit television series; a rich, beautiful girlfriend; a glamorous, devoted agent; the perfect New York apartment; and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park. There are, however, a couple of glitches in paradise. Andrew's series has been cancelled; his girlfriend is clinging to her virginity with unyielding conviction; and he has no desire to play Hamlet. When Andrew's agent visits him, she reminisces about her brief romance with John Barrymore many years ago, in Andrew's apartment. This prompts a chance to summon Barrymore's ghost. The laughs are nonstop as Andrew wrestles with his conscience, Barrymore, his sword, and his opening night as Hamlet in Central Park.



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## Welcoming a special cottage visitor

Jo-Ann Sloan

Special to the Echo

The door always swings open to our cottage on Esson Lake. Visitors come and visitors go. During the course of your lifetime there is always someone special who fills your heart with nothing but love and joy.

A few years ago, my husband and I were fortunate enough to travel across to Europe with a vacation in Holland.

The trip included our friends, one of which had relatives in the northern part of Holland in the small town of Meppel. It was arranged that we would be staying with these relatives during our visit.

We arrived at the train station and were greeted by the family members with a warm reception. Greeting us was a gentleman named Tiemen, my friend's uncle, along with his wife, Bep.

We had soon arrived at their home and told that this was our accommodation for the next few days. They actually gave us their entire house to live in and they moved out to their trailer by the lake.

I couldn't believe that someone gave up their home to us!

For the remainder of our stay in this town we were treated like high society. We were taken on an incredible boat tour through the canals that lined the small towns.

We were shown every corner and every small village around. Any place where we dined, Tiemen was well-known and we could not move fast enough to contribute to the costs of our meals. Everything was covered.

He was a very well respected and distinguished gentleman in his community. Tiemen and Bep were an elderly couple in their 70s but full of adventure and life.

A year or two after our trip, an unfortunate circumstance brought family members from Holland to Ontario. They had lost a close relative and funeral services were being held here.

During their stay, we thought it would be a wonderful idea to have Tiemen and his wife join us for some time away and visit our cottage on Esson Lake, Haliburton.

It was our turn to entertain and introduce them to our life on the lake. Arrangements were finalized and our friends along with the couple from Holland made their way up north for a weekend stay.

It was July and that particular year the weather was co-operating.

They arrived and were dumbfounded by our cottage that sits close to the water's edge.

They thought we had won the lottery and described it as a northern paradise.

We entertained for the weekend with a number of activities that included a boat ride to visit our cottage friends on the lake, swimming off the dock, and even tubing behind the boat.

We laughed, told stories, drank, ate and danced our way through the weekend. It was close to perfection.

The morning for departure came and it was time to say our farewells. My husband and I knew it would be a few years before our paths would cross again.

We all hugged and gave them an emotional goodbye. Love and friendship had captured our hearts. I knew that Tiemen had the most glorious visit on Esson Lake. It

lived with him for a long time as expressed in his emails and annual Christmas cards.

Most recently our friends had mentioned if we would be interested in joining their family for a surprise visit to Holland for a 50th anniversary celebration for Tiemen and Bep. It was a definite plan and the year 2015 could not come fast enough.

Excitement began to stir and we started discussing a possible agenda.

Two weeks ago we were stricken by some news that Tiemen had suffered a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

We were saddened but felt his healthy lifestyle would pull him through this unfortunate turn of events.

Last week we received the phone call. Tiemen had passed away. My husband and I felt nothing but heartache and only spoke of this man's greatness, and kindness. We were so fortunate and thankful to have met someone so special.

Our biggest regret: we did not get to cross paths again. But he will always remain a very exceptional person and a very special cottage visitor to Esson Lake. We did win the lottery; we met Tiemen Luppe.





## Former resident awarded for heroism

Last month, Christopher Judge, who grew up in Haliburton, was given an honour award by the Toronto Police for saving a man's life. Judge is an officer with the police force and was given the award at a special ceremony by chief Bill Blair. The following is an account of what happened written by

On the evening of Aug. 27, 2012, I was making my way home from work at around midnight when I was approached by a man, who later identified himself as John, in the lobby of my apartment building. The first thing I noticed about John was that he was barefoot and appeared to be intoxicated. John politely asked me if I could spare a cigarette for him, to which I replied "no" because I had just quit the day before. John then asked if he could use my phone for a local call and I obliged him. I then overheard John telling someone on the phone he was going to jump off the roof of the building. When John was done with my phone he handed it back to me, thanked me, and told me to have a good night. I asked him if he would sit down with me to have a talk about what was bothering him. John disregarded my invitation stating, "I need to go" and entered the elevator. I followed him into the elevator, where we ascended to the top floor.

Once inside the elevator, John brandished a kitchen knife from his back pocket. At this point, I immediately took a step back and told him to put the knife away. John replied "I'm not going to hurt anyone, I'm just using this to open the door to the roof." As he said this, a strange awareness washed over me and I believed that John didn't intend to use the knife to hurt anyone.

As he and I arrived at the top floor, John made his way to the roof access door and I followed him. Once at the door, he used the knife he had produced in the elevator to pry open the door and gain access to the roof. At this time, I believed that John and I would get onto the roof and view the city lights while engaging in some conversation, however, I was gravely mistaken.

As John stepped out onto the roof, he quickly shuffled towards the safety railing surrounding the platform on the roof and made his way over it. Within seconds, he was teetering on the edge of the roof. I yelled that I was coming to him and jumped over the safety railing to grab John's arm. I asked his to step away from the edge, but he didn't, he told me that he was going to sit down as he proceeded to crouch on the



Chris Judge, niece Grace and Deputy Chief Saunders at the award ceremony in Toronto in October. Chris, a police officer, was presented with an honour award for saving a man's life. /Photo submitted

edge of the roof. At this time, while holding onto John's arm, I positioned myself in such a way that I could brace myself and pull him back should he attempt to jump.

While holding onto him, I began to question him about his personal life and asked him if he had a family. John wove a sad tale for me about how his wife and kids would be better off without him. I listened intently and offered a heartfelt opinion that seemed to make John reflect about his intentions. I remember telling him how devastated I would be if I found out my father had committed suicide, knowing I couldn't do anything to help.

The police showed up after approximately 20 minutes of being up on the rooftop. I asked the officers if any of them smoked and they all said no. Soon after, one of the paramedics brought us over each a cigarette. John and I were about halfway through our cigarettes until I could finally convince him to step away from the

edge and go with the police to receive help. The police then took John into custody and

took him to the hospital.





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## November is adoption awareness month

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During the month of November, Children's Aid Societies across the province aim to increase the public's awareness of the importance of permanence in the lives of children and youth in the care of CAS.

In the majority of instances the societies work with families while their children remain with them.

However, if a child comes into the permanent care of the society the goal is to find a safe and stable environment that will nurture that child into the future.

"Our hope is that by raising awareness through the month of November at least one more child will be matched with a caring and supportive family who will be there for them always," said Ricarda Renner, regional adoption manager for Highland Shores Children's Aid (HSCA) or the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Soci-

A permanent home may be found for that child either with kin through legal custody, via customary care, or through adoption.

Children's Aid Societies mark November as Adoption Awareness Month with an orange ribbon.

Children waiting to find their forever home can be of diverse religious or cultural backgrounds. Many are siblings who are waiting for that family who can keep them

Our hope is that by raising awareness through the month of November at least one more child will be matched with a caring and supportive family who will be there for them always.

— Ricarda Renner

together. Others may have special needs that require parents who are willing to learn the skills necessary to care for them. While some of these young people face challenges, they all share a common desire for a safe and loving home with people who will be there for them into the future.

In the province of Ontario last year, 830 adoptions were finalized. Only four per cent of those adoptions were children aged 13 and older. Currently 61 per cent of the children and youth available for adoption are aged 13 or

In 2012-13, a total of 16 adoptions at HSCA (includes

children and youth from HSCA and other societies) were finalized. At Kawartha-Haliburton CAS, 22 adoptions were finalized in 2012-13 (includes children and youth from KHCAS and other societies).

Adoptive families receive support and training which includes a standardized provincial training program (PRIDE) and a standardized provincial home study proc-

In June of last year, the Ontario government also announced subsidies for families who adopt, or become legal custodians to sibling groups and/or youth aged ten or older. Families must qualify based on income.

An information night is planned to take place during the month at the two societies for families who have applied to adopt. Families who adopted children from the two societies last year will also be receiving a letter with information about a post-adoption support group. For the first time, the Adoption Resource Exchange, a conference held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, will be held during the month of November to tie into Adoption Awareness Month. This event provides adoptive applicants with an opportunity to obtain information on children or youth who are in need of a forever family.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about adoption can contact the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society.

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## MPP Laurie Scott's bill calls on Libs to open books



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If bill passes, pre-election finance reports will be mandatory

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

Ontario's Liberal government will be opening up its books for the public whenever an election is called after a private members' bill from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott received support at its second

The bill, which amends the Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act of 2004, requires that the government release a pre-election report on the province's finances within seven days of a writ for election being dropped.

Currently, the legislation does not require a pre-election financial report be released in the case of an election with no fixed date - the type of election that could get called at any time with a minority government.

"We got them in a loophole, Scott said. "They had nothing in the regulations for a spring election. We think maybe in the next six months we'll be going to the polls."

The financial report will be reviewed by the province's

auditor general.

'People need to be able to look at the numbers before they go to the polls," the MPP said, taking a jab at the Liberals for their ongoing political woes. "Should I name the scandals?'

Scott was quick to fire off the examples of the gas plant, E-health and ORNGE scandals, which stemmed from former premier Dalton McGuinty's rule and have been dogging current Premier Kathleen Wynne.

The MPP said there was unanimous support for the bill, although that was unclear at first.

"[The Liberals] never said they were going to support it," Scott said. "We didn't know until the end."

The bill must still go to committee and come back for third reading before it becomes law. Its passing means that the requirement for pre-election financial reports will apply to all future minority elections.



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# Christmas fun had by all

#### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

The inaugural Ugly Christmas Sweater Run/Walk had nearly 60 participants of all ages, sporting their ugliest and tackiest sweaters on Sunday, Nov. 24.

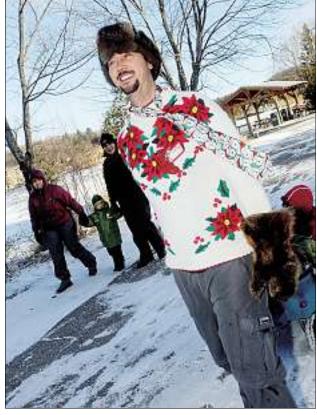
There were the young and young at heart, braving the minus 11 Celsius temperature to complete the five-kilometre loop around the lake or the alternate route in the park, finishing at the Dysart Library with treats and hot chocolate.

Santa paid a visit, posing for photos.

Organizers are already thinking of next year, believing it will be better with a few tweaks.



Adults and children showed Christmas spirit with clothing and



Jason Mueller of Haliburton sports his ugly Christmas sweater at the inaugural Ugly Christmas Sweater Run/ Walk on Sunday, Nov. 24. Preliminary estimates indicate participation was strong with close to 60 runners/walkers.





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Girl Guides pledge to do their best, be true to themselves and take action for a better world. From left, Morgan Burke, Emma Trudel and Kellsi Packard.

Pathfinder Morgan Phillips receives a pin from leader Meghan Watson.

Pathfinder Cassidy Davis gives the official handshake to leader Meghan Watson.

Jenn Watt Staff

## Students write, direct and produce Airline, a must-see play

The Highlands Little Theatre is pleased to assist the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School with promotion of their upcoming production of Airline, a play written by Tim Kelly, directed by Ryan Merritt and Peggy Flowers, with a cast of 30 students.

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This play will be taking place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Friday, Dec.13 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5; purchase them at the school office of either HHSS or

For inquiries related to the show, please email Ryan Merritt at Ryan.Merritt@tldsb. on.ca or Peggy Flowers at Peggy.Flowers@ tldsb.on.ca.

This show will sell out quickly!

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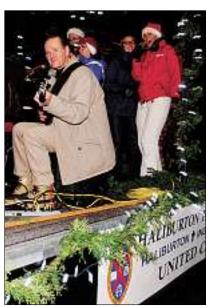
The annual Haliburton Santa Claus Parade brought the first gift of the season for the community on Nov. 22. There were 30 floats and 40 entries in the parade that included the dancers with the Haliburton Dance Academy and the Heritage Ballet, who were dressed for the upcoming Nutcracker, the marchers and bands such as the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes, Kawartha Kavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps and the Correctional Service of Canada Pipes and Drums band. Organizer Jim Frost, who has helped since 1999 (except for 2002 and 2003), said this was the best-attended parade he has been associated with.



Clockwise, from left, Santa Claus waves to the hundreds who lined Highland Street; festive singers with the Haliburton **Pastoral Charge** churches' float; the Haliburton **Highlands Silver** Flutes band; the Haliburton County Farmers' Association float; a boy reacts to the parade and the Highland Roller Girls show their version of reindeer with a sleigh for the annual Haliburton Santa Claus Parade.











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Tickets are \$25, or \$20 for Haliburton County Folk Society members and students. Tickets can be purchased through www.madeinhaliburton.ca, the Photo Shop in Haliburton and from Organic Times in

Feature performances include Dave Bathe, Custom Blend, Gord Kidd, Guy Pritchard, Rebecca Madamba, Carl Dixon, Phil McMahon/Paddy's Lament, Donna Drifter Leclair, Tracey Green, Trina West, Albert Saxby, Irene Merritt and Ragged Company.

The Haliburton Highlands is privileged to have so many remarkably talented and diverse musicians. The production of the Homemade Stew CD is the result of many months of creativity, hard work, dedication and cooperation of many folks, assistance from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and Quantum Entertainment, and the leadership of Trina West.

The mandate of the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) is to foster an appreciation and participation in folk music in Haliburton County by promoting folk acoustic roots music. The society supports local musicians by providing them with opportunities to perform, selling their music, offering recording subsidies, scholarships for youth, maintaining a performers database and promoting the talents of local artists.

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# Sports



Above left, FFSS Falcons player Riley Young, left, is passed by HHSS Red Hawks defenceman Tanner Hamilton during a game at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21. The Red Hawks finished with a 4-4 tie. Photos by Darren Lum

# Jr football fairytale ends

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

After an incredible run, the junior boys' Red Hawks football team lost to the Sydenham Golden Eagles in the National Capital Bowl final 31-0 in Belleville this past Saturday.

One player's parent tweeted "half of Haliburton is headed to [the game]. He later added "more people here than an Argo game."

The team, which captured the attention of the county, showed resilience in the rain down in Fenelon Falls for the Kawartha title and dominance in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final a few days later

They hung on in the bowl semi-final 30-28 for the final

The coaching staff included Bruce Griffiths, Ryan Merritt and Raavo Laidla.

## Playing is winning this season for Red Hawks hockey team

#### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

Winning isn't everything. Just getting the chance to play is.

After last year's of uncertainty during the labour dispute between the province and the teachers' union, everyone is happy to be looking forward to an entire season without threat of a cancellation.

So, when the varsity Red Hawks Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hockey team drew a packed crowd for its opener hosting the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons there was an obvious buzz of excitement at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Coach Ron Yake said the 4-4 tie was an exciting game.

"There is nothing wrong with a tie. It was a good battle," he said.

The game was back-and-forth.

HHSS took the early lead on a Devon Upton goal from Owen Flood and Connor Dollo at 11:13 of the first period.

The Falcons player Mac Kea tied it up minutes later. At 3:10, the Red Hawks centre Nate Feir's goal gave a 2-1

A little more than two minutes later Falcons player Owen

The second period both teams' intensity seemingly lessened until the final minutes, carrying into the third. The Red Hawks easily dominated possession, coming close to scoring on several chances.

In the third the Falcons jumped to their first and only lead with a TJ Thomas goal.

HHSS centre Curtis Ballantyne scored his first of the season to tie the game with a little less than 10 minutes to go.

With less than five minutes in the game, the Red Hawks went on the powerplay.

Despite a few solid scoring chances during the powerplay the Hawks couldn't capitalize.

The Red Hawks' Jake Bursey goal for the 4-3 lead late in the game was scored on a strange play.

On a Red Hawks dump-in, the home side got a lucky bounce.

The Falcons' goalie came out to play the puck in the corner. It hit a protrusion on the boards and bounced out front for Bursey, who had a gaping net.

"That certainly was a gift. That's part of hockey," Yake said. "Those things happen in hockey where you get the bounce or you don't get the bounce. That was a nice bounce for us."

The Falcons didn't miss on their powerplay chance late in the game.

FFSS player Marc Dudman scored the equalizer from teammate Mac Kea during a two-minute minor with only 6:37 left in the game.

Even with an aggressive forecheck and keeping the Falcons pinned in their end for most of the final frame, the Red Hawks couldn't put the visitors away. Yake, who acknowledged the solid play by Falcons goalie Adam Harris, knows there is room to improve, but commended his players.

"We put in a great effort and we got the puck to the right spot at right time and made a few mistakes that are expected early in the year," he said.

This year the Kawartha League is divided into two tiers. The Red Hawks are in tier one and can anticipate a lot of tough games.

"I expect no easy games," he said.

Yake said there is room for improvement on special teams, pointing to a lack of time to work on the powerplay in the short pre-season.

"We've had zero practices with the powerplay and these guys have worked together with their other teams. They have something on the go there, but we'll have to definitely work with that. The goal with powerplays is if you score 20 or 25 per cent of your powerplay you have a good powerplay so one out of every four chances is our goal," he said.

The team has a lot of fresh faces with seven first-year players

"It was exciting start for those guys for sure. First time they played with a Red Hawks shirt on and we've got a ways to go with everyone playing a bit better together as a team, but ... hopefully we have those guys for the next year and the year after. We'll just keep working with all of them," he said.

Yake said goalies Brayden Frost and Jordan Hamilton are

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## Team poised to compete

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sharing the net minding duties, playing an equal amount of home games and away games.

Frost will start the next two games.

The Falcons came into the contest with a loss, losing 3-2 to perennial hockey power St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints.

This closely contested game built the

anticipation for the Red Hawks coaching staff, who expected a tough game before it started.

Yake added being able to tie the Falcons, who narrowly lost to the Saints, was a strong indicator of good things to

"I think we'll be able to compete with every team and should be an exciting year," he said.

**Darren Lum Staff** 

FFSS Falcons player Mark Dudman, left, Red Hawks winger Tyler Barry and Falcons goalie Adam Harris look for the loose puck in a game at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21. The Red Hawks tied the Falcons 4-4 to start their

# **Hawks outpace Spartans in** home opener

**Darren Lum** Staff reporter

It was a slow start, but eventually the best team came through in the end.

Persistence paid off for the Red Hawks Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls' hockey team, who struggled to score through the first and part of the second period against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans in their home opener at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21.

The Spartans' goalie Courtney Crawford kept the game close through the first and second periods with solid play and some acrobatic dives.

That was the difference," Red Hawks coach Dan Marsden said. "I told her: wicked game. She was definitely stellar in between their pipes."

The Red Hawks dominated with strong skating to take their first win of the eight game regular season, including one guaranteed playoff game.

HHSS player Erin Carmount scored the game-winner early in the third period after an early goal by Spartans player Alex Garbutt, which put the visitors up 1-0 for close to two minutes. Carmount's goal led to a deluge of scoring with four unanswered goals.

Although the Red Hawks do not have a single senior player, what they lack in experience they make up for in skill and the potential for execution, coach Marsden said.

'I told the girls we'll face some tough clubs and older clubs. We'll just have to keep working on simple things and if we can do those right everything will work itself out," he said, referring to passing and vision of play.

There are several players who play for the Highland Storm, including Sydney Cameron, who plays for a midget AA team, the Peterborough Ice Kats,

The Hawks played the second of a double-header home opener, following the boys' game.

HHSS player Alicia McLean finished with a pair of goals, including the second period equalizer.

Red Hawks players Kelsey Maracle and Cameron also scored goals while Erin Little, Maddie Billings, Carmount, Cameron, Jamie Little and Maddie Allore added assists.







Above, a Red Hawks player rushes the puck; left, Red Hawks player Sydney Cameron celebrates a goal and, far left, Spartans goalie Courtney Crawford, middle, takes away the low shot against Hawks player Maddie Billings during the home opener at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Thursday, Nov. 21.

## **Grapplers** excited for season

**Darren Lum** 

Staff reporter

Being a predominately young team is an advantage, says the Red Hawks wrestling coach.

Coach Paul Klose said with his current crop of 20 novice (Grade 9 and 10 or new) wrestlers there is a lot of great energy being exhibited in pre-season.

"I'm happy to see an interest by Grade 9s," he said. "There is a lot of positive energy."

Klose, who has been pleased by the athleticism of his wrestlers, believes this bodes well for the future of the program.

The Red Hawks wrestling team's coach said this is the youngest team he has ever led.

This team has only two senior wrestlers: Nichole Honderich and Matt Sexsmith.

Klose anticipates solid leadership and strong results from both, as they have not only matured, but gotten stronger in the off-season.

Honderich (44 kilogram) was an all-provincial finalist last year, finishing with two wins and two losses in her first Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Associations Wrestling Championships.

Sexsmith, who played for the HHSS senior football team, is well over six feet now.

Colleague Dan Fockler is also helping the 22-member

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**Darren Lum** Staff

Hawks wrestlers Nichole Honderich, left, attempts to make her way around teammate Carmen Galea at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Coach Paul Klose said there is great energy with the young team.







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## **Hardwood comes alive**



Jr boys' Red Hawks basketball begins new season

#### **Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

This year's team is new, but that isn't dampening enthusiasm for a new season, says Red Hawks junior basketball team head coach Dave Waito.



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"Like any junior team there is always a learning curve, but that is a good thing ... in tryouts we have a bunch of keen ball players and you can work with that enthusiasm," Waito said.

He was putting the team through its paces, teaching the fundamentals such as passing and shooting drills.

This year's squad will be athletic.

Several junior football players are on the team's roster, ensuring a physical capability that can enable some strategy

"Those football guys have done amazing this fall. I'm hoping that I can tap into that talent pool. Time will tell. We'll

Because of the junior football team's success the team has managed only one week of practice before the team's home opener against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute this

HHSS colleague Brett Caputo is also helping coach the

Although the team has five returning players in Jalen Campbell, Caleb Schmidt, McKay Coneybeare, Sage Christiano and Ryan Hill, the team has a mix, which is good for the future, he said.

A pair of players grew over the summer, making the team

'We have some size at all our positions. Caleb has grown a lot and McKay grew a lot. Those were our two short guys. I think that will help. Certainly, with a group of athletes we'll always be looking to be a bit of a running and slashing team, working on fundamentals and try to get inside as much as we can," he said.

Left, Jalen Campbell makes a pass during a drill. Right, Caleb Schmidt soars to the basketball on a layup during pre-season practice at the school last week. Campbell and Schmidt are two of five returning junior players. Photos by Darren Lum









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## Storm fall in close call with South Muskoka

The Highland Storm Peewee A team faced off against South Muskoka in the Minden arena on Tuesday night. The Storm opened the scoring at 8:46 in the first period with a goal by Nigel Smith on a rebound of a shot by Miki Bukta. South Muskoka evened the score a minute later but Lucas Haedicke put the Storm ahead before the end of the period with an accurate sharp angle shot to the far top corner on a pass from Shawn Walker. Early In the second period South Muskoka tied the score with a power-play goal. Action continued end to end and finally South Muskoka scored with 6:56 left in the game to lead 3-2. It was less than a minute later however, when Lucas Haedicke banged one in on a scramble close to the net. Tied 3-3 in a game that could go either way it was South Muskoka that put in the

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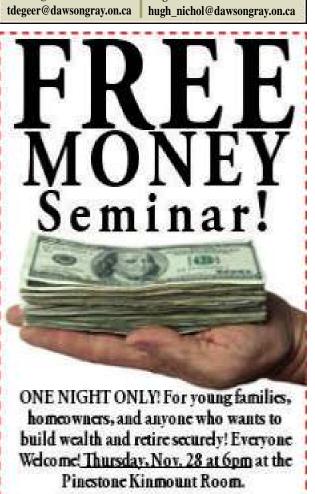
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## **Bantam AEs turn corner**

Tom Prentice Trucking's Bantam AE Highland Storm may have finally turned a corner. In a week that started with one of the most devastating losses of the year, the team finished the weekend with two of its strongest games. On Wednesday, the Storm hosted the South Muskoka

Because of our strong showing the last time we played them, it was an opportunity to give newly acquired backup, Ethan Howe, a shot in net. South Muskoka was first to strike but Devyn Prentice evened things up with a nice shot from the slot. Alex Wilbee's booming slap shot from the point put the Storm in front but the Bears evened it up again to equalize the back and forth affair. Before the end of the first Matt Manning's shot from outside the blue line found its way past the Bear goalie to make it 3-2. In the second, Zack Shantz broke free to score on a breakaway from the hash marks but South Muskoka answered with three in the period. Mitch Billings' nice feed to Alex Petrie allowed the winger to break in and even it up and it looked like that was the way the game would end. It was devastating to watch the Bear forward break free and nail it top shelf with only one second left in the game in front of the home crowd to win it 6-5.

On Saturday, it was Minden's turn to host. This time it was the top-tier Almaguin Devils' time to take on our struggling unit. All things pointed to another tough outing but someone forgot to tell the Storm because they returned with one of their best games of the year. Although Almaguin scored early, Jon Morrison struck back to even it up in the first. It was a fast, hard-hitting affair but the Storm responded at every turn. In the third, Almaguin briefly grabbed the lead but our boys would not give up and were rewarded when Alex Petrie scored on the break away to even it up for good.

On Sunday, the squad travelled to Bracebridge for a late Sunday nighter. On this night, it was all Storm. Trevor Turner, Matt Manning and Alex Petrie's hat trick were the difference in this game and Ryan Hannah was solid in net when required. The team rolled three energetic lines and Ryan Manning should be recognized for subbing in solidly on defense.

Well done, boys - it's great timing for a turnaround. Let's make sure it continues next week in Port Carling! Submitted by Jon Petrie

## Midget B girls in third

The Minden Car Quest Highland Storm Midget B girls travelled to North York for a Saturday afternoon game against the southern Storm squad. The Highland girls put practice into play from start to finish in the game.

Erica Carmount opened the scoring (and the eventual game winning goal) early in the first period off a goalmouth scramble where she slid the puck past the North York tender. Kelsey Maracle went top glove off a beauty saucer pass from Alica McLean for a first period 2-0 lead. (her first of two) with a quick snap shot that surprised the N Y S goalie and Maddie Billings showed great patience off a short-handed rush weaving her way through the defenders and out-waiting the NYS net-minder. The Highland Storm 5-0 win was secured with a late period rush off a NYS turnover where Cassidy Garbutt put a five-hole squeaker past the NYS target. Great game girls with supporting hi-lights from Alicia McLean with a hattrick of helpers and Connor Marsden's fourth shut out of

In the second period, Cassidy Garbutt added to the lead

On Sunday night, the Highland Storm hosted the Whitby Wolves in Minden.

Both clubs competed in a tightly contested game from

Kelsev Maracle opened the scoring midway through the first period with a quick snap shot from high in the slot that surprised, and eluded the Wolves net-minder. Both sides traded quality scoring chances throughout the entire game with the Storm gaining a slight advantage in the third period hemming the Whitby club in their own end much of the third period.

Sydney Feir rounded out the scoring in the third period finishing off on a rebound from Alicia McLean's rush. The second shut-out win (Connor Marsden's fifth) of the weekend moved the Storm squad into third place in their loop with a 7-2-3 record - one point behind the second place Cold Creek Comets. Great weekend of hockey girls.

Next game is Sunday, December 1:30 pm in Haliburton where we host West Northumberland Wild. Keep up the focused efforts girls as we push for second place and another kick at the can with Ennismore, Cold Creek and undefeated Otonabee.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

## **Peewee As cream Parry Sound**

It was a busy weekend for the Dollo's Food land Peewee A team with a double header in Parry Sound on Saturday followed by a trip to Huntsville on Sunday. Storm scored first in game one with a short-handed goal against Parry Sound by Owen Gilbert in the second period as he caught the Parry Sound defence napping and slid the puck under the goalie's pad from the side of the net. Parry Sound struck back three minutes later. Miki Bukta followed soon after with the second Storm goal on the power play knocking in a loose puck in crease. Highland Storm dominated the game but took two penalties late in the game allowing Parry Sound to put in the tying goal with 2.4 seconds left on the clock leaving the score 2-2.

Game 2 saw Highland Storm deliver a 9-2 spanking of the Parry Sound team as the goals finally started to happen. Sean Walker scored in the first period with a long shot followed by goals by Lucas Haedicke on a scramble and Owen Gilbert with a high shot from the slot. In the second period Ben MacNaull deked the defence and the goalie on a short-handed effort. Zack Morissette then banged in a bouncing puck to put Storm up 5-0. Parry Sound finally put one in late in the second period but this was followed with two goals by Nigel Smith in the next 60

see HUNTSVILLE page 29



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## Huntsville takes down Storm

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seconds first on a scramble and then on a wrap-around. In the third period Parry Sound managed one more goal but this was followed by Zack Morissette's second goal on a pass to the side of the net and Ben MacNaull's second goal on a two-onone with a perfect pass by Morissette with just five seconds left in the game.

The Peewee A team faced a slew of penalties in the first period of their game against Huntsville and finally gave up a goal with two minutes remaining in the period. Huntsville scored two more times in the second period against a tired looking Storm team.

Storm played harder in the third period and were rewarded with a goal by Lucas Haedicke as he put in a loose puck after several Storm shots on net. It was too little too late as the Storm were defeated 3-0.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

## **Tough tournament** for AEs

Haliburton Family Medical Centre's Highland Storm Peewee AE's travelled to Woodville this weekend for their first tournament of the year. The squad was in tough against some very good A teams to the

The day started with our team being simply being out-matched by a very good team from Sturgeon Lake. The game started well but the flood gates opened in the second period and Sturgeon never looked back to gain a 9-0 win. Next up was the Lindsay Muskies and again the Storm played quite well in the first period to keep it close.

Penalties killed any momentum though and Lindsay took full advantage taking control to win the game 5-0.

This set them up to play Lindsay again in the B Final. After two tough losses the Storm could have easily given up but it's a proud lot, this crew, and they deserve full credit for playing their best game of the tournament in the final.

The Storm carried the play for the majority of the game, pressuring the Muskies at every turn. Storm goalie, Jaxson Campbell, was spectacular, steadying the squad whenever the Muskies broke free from the relentless pressure.

There were several chances but the puck would not obey and despite the effort it was the Muskies who got the breaks to win 2-0.

It was a frustrating day to be sure, but to finish with a good effort and their head held high was reward enough for Jarrett Campbell and the rest of the coaching

Submitted by Jon Petrie

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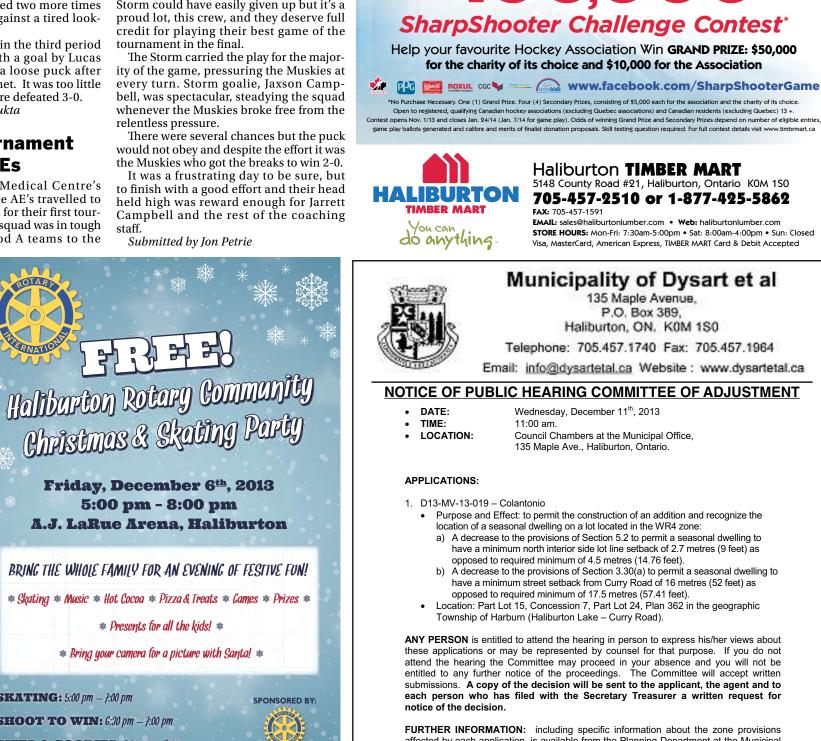
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

DATE: Wednesday, December 11th, 2013

TIME: 11:00 am.

LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

#### APPLICATIONS:

- 1. D13-MV-13-019 Colantonio
  - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of an addition and recognize the location of a seasonal dwelling on a lot located in the WR4 zone:
  - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum north interior side lot line setback of 2.7 metres (9 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 4.5 metres (14.76 feet).
  - A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30(a) to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum street setback from Curry Road of 16 metres (52 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.41 feet).
  - Location: Part Lot 15, Concession 7, Part Lot 24, Plan 362 in the geographic Township of Harburn (Haliburton Lake - Curry Road).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

> Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



## **Excellent performances at fundraiser**

## **West Guilford**

**Eleanor Cooper** 

754-2278

The audience was small but the quality of performance was excellent for our Funds for the Philippines event. David Barker emcee'd the performance beginning with Kathleen at the keyboard and Earl on mandolin for a few Don Messer style tunes.

The Rev. Max Wad actually found the Philippine national anthem, which he played on trombone. Wayne Cooper sang And Her Mother Came, Too, accompanied by Beth Kipping. Later on Beth sang You'll Never Walk Alone accompanied by Wayne. One of John Miller's solo was Just A Closer Walk with Thee.

Shirley Barker and Chrispther Chumbley sang *My Prayer*.

More than one tear-jerker was sung – all so beautifully.

I'm not going to attempt to record everything, but these are a few: Lindsay Coates with her medley of Someone to Watch Over Me and Heather on the Hill. John Pugh's group with Mabel and Bruce Shepherd entertained with three numbers sung to accompaniment of ukuleles and guitars. Wonder of wonders, Carl Dixon actually took time to join us after his entertaining at the Legion following the Santa Claus parade. His three numbers were very well received. He'd planned one, but applause encouraged his singing of two extra, so very much appreciated.

Many thanks to Angela Balle who took charge of donations at the door and to Mar-

lene Maxwell who had the hot tea and coffee ready for folks as they came in from the cold. A few plates of goodies were offered as people stayed after the close of the show to chat and express appreciation for the quality of performance and the fun in general. Funds went to the CBM. Thanks everyone for your generosity.

A few weeks ago I suggested your letting me know where and how your children are getting along. One such with no need to tell me is Matt Duchene. His parents must be so proud of his achievements in hockey. We applaud from the sidelines and with Matt while he recovers from his injury.

Euchre scores: High – Beverly Kerr and John Kerr. Low – Kathee Freeman ad Peter Laplante. Most Lone Hands – Kay Morrison and Jim Hunt

## Coming Events



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A four-part series Sundays December 1, 8, 15, 22 10:00am at Lakeside Church, Haliburton (Child care and programming for all ages)

And join us December 24, 6:30pm for a traditional Family Christmas Eve Service with carols, hymns and message "Behold, what manner of love is given to us."

## community calendar

Your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca Or email: jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca

**Nov 29: Christmas Luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church,** 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden, 11am to 1pm, 50/50 tickets, bake sale, bucket draw. Admission \$5 (snow date Nov. 30)

**Nov 30: St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount** - Kid's Christmas Sale - Nothing over \$1 and we wrap for you! Bring your kids and grandkids to do their shopping 9:30 a.m. - noon

December 1: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop - Christmas Open House 12.00 noon
 to 3PM. Free pictures with Santa, bring the kids!; Christmas Bake Sale; Refreshments, new
 gift merchandise, NO TAX; Mike Jaycock of Canoe FM will be on hand selling CanoeFM local
 artists Christmas Memories CD.

**Dec 8: Country Music Jamboree** located at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 1p.m.-5p.m. Admission \$7.00

Diner's Club Minden United Church: second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon, at
 Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. (Lower Level), Minden.Info Brigitt at Community
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**Dec 11: HALIBURTON:** Sexual Health Clinic from 10:30 am to noon. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more info. call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Dec 12: MINDEN: Meet the Nurse from 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144
 Bobcaygeon Rd in Sears Building). The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding
 support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and
 other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

**Dec 15: The Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade** is on again this year, starting at 12:30 at the Wilberforce School, ending at the Lloyd Watson Community Center and followed by a party with Santa in the Community Center. Fun for kids and grown ups!

## Santa to come to Wilberforce

## **Wilberforce**

Hilda Clark

448-2018

In developing a municipal cultural plan the Municipality of Highlands East laid out a number of objectives. One of those was to "bring together cultural organizations and other stakeholders to identify challenges, opportunities and common needs and interests". To begin to fulfill that goal about 60 people from various parts of Highlands East gathered at the LWMC on Thursday evening Nov. 21. They came, they listened, they talked, they learned, they shared, they networked.

Three short informative videos were helpful by reminding participants that rural communities are in a period of change, forcing their people to become more creative, to understand and acknowledge what their cultural assets are and that those assets are economic generators.

During the round table discussions participants had the opportunity to list what they felt were assets, both tangible and intangible in Highlands East. It was evident from information provided earlier that participants themselves were major assets in their community.

This visioning session heard suggestions about food festivals, seniors' story telling, more places for visitors to stay, rocks and minerals, trees and rock cuts, fish derbies, driving tours, historic tours, geocaching and trails, trails that link our villages, bicycle tours and trails, seasonal theme programs, bird watching tours, plein art festival, music events, theatre productions, etc. These plus ideas for enriching and promoting existing events and facilities.

The program was emceed by Pam Sayne with leadership from Jim Blake, Adele Espina and Chris Lynd. Adele Espina is

working on development of an inventory of the tangible and intangible assets of Highlands East-another major objective in this cultural planning project. Andy Campbell manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation brought greetings and participated.

To learn more of this project call Highlands East and ask to speak to Adele Espina. The project is led by a steering committee which is made up of community representatives as well as municipal staff.

Why is cultural planning necessary? It's not just government at any level making the map and people buying it. People are or should be making the map.

Plan to enjoy lunch while shopping at the upcoming craft sale on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The ACW from St. Margaret's Church will have refreshment available throughout the sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be muffins for breaks early in the day.

Choose from chili with tea biscuit, sandwiches and new this year, hot meat pies from Linkert Bakery for a tasty lunch.

Coffee and tea will be available all day compliments of the W. Heritage Guild which is hosting the sale. Proceeds from table rentals goes to aid programs at our national Historic Site, The Red Cross Outpost Museum.

Santa Claus will be visiting all the girls and boys at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Sunday, Dec. 15. He will be the star of a parade that will be marshalled by the School and get underway down the main street at 1 p.m. Hopefully lots of colourful entertaining individuals and groups will be on floats or walkers in the parade. Contact Joan at 705-448-3074 for more information on the parade. And toss a donation for the parade in the jars around the village.

Let's welcome Santa with great floats and costumes.

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# Purchase your tickets for wildlife dinner



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Poppy Campaign

On behalf of the Douglas C. Hatch Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624 Wilberforce, we would like to thank everyone who gave generously to our 2013 poppy campaign.

Many thanks also go to the volunteers who donated their time and energy "poppying" in this year's campaign. Due to everyone's efforts we raised \$3,131.75.

As always, our branch poppy fund capital will be used to assist veterans and their families in our local area in addition to bursaries for students in need of assistance.

## Come for Sunday breakfast at the Legion



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## Haliburton Legion Remembrance Day contest results

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Haliburton, would like to thank the 90 students who participated in this vear's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contests.

I would also like to thank the teachers, school administration staff, and parents who encouraged their students to make the effort. Your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

This year we had entries from four schools: Stuart Baker ES, JD Hodgson ES, St. Peter's ACHES, and Halburton High-

Without our panel of judges, there would be no competition, therefore we wish to thank all our judges for a job well

Below are the winners of each contest.

#### **Poem Contest**

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11 and 12)

1st: Victoria Hawley

2<sup>nd</sup>: No Entry, 3<sup>rd</sup>: No Entry

Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9)

1st: Austin French

2nd: Colby Lambshead

3rd: Jake O'Neill

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)

1st: Hailey Brisco

2<sup>nd</sup>: Alyssa Bogardis

3<sup>rd</sup>: Megan Klose

#### **Essay Contest**

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11 and 12

1st: Victoria Hawley

2<sup>nd</sup>: No Entry, 3<sup>rd</sup>: No Entry

Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9)

1st, 2nd and 3rd: No Entries

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)

1st: Natalie Hunter

2<sup>nd</sup>: No Entry, 3<sup>rd</sup>: No Entry

Poster Contest - Black and White

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11 and 12)

1st: Susan Cachia

2<sup>nd</sup>: No Entry, 3<sup>rd</sup>: No Entry

Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9

1<sup>st</sup>: Samual Longo 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kayla Bird

3rd: No Entry

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)

1st: Ania Smolen

2<sup>nd</sup>: Bella Smolen

3<sup>rd</sup>: Aiden Hill

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2 and 3)

1st: Taylor Horsley

2<sup>nd</sup>: Anthony Dumas-Stephenson

3rd: No Entry

#### **Poster Contest - Colour**

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11 and 12)

1st: Kendal Hart

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah Hudson

3rd: No Entry

Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8 and 9)

1st: Ian Griffin

2<sup>nd</sup>: Shelby Nimigon

3rd: Arden Harrop

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6)

1st: Lexie Bridgman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amber Allin

3rd: Emma Casey

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2 and 3)

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1st: Isabel Hill 2nd: Allie Todd

3rd: Tess Husbands

The winners of each category will be sent to the Zone Level by Nov. 30. You will be advised of further results when they are known. All prizes will be awarded at the Annual Awards Night in April 2014.

Submitted by Brian Hambly, youth education chairman



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Skills and Competencies:

Excellent Interpersonal Skills: candidate must have excellent phone manners and be able to deal face to face with clients

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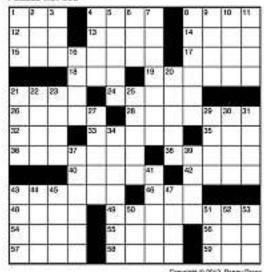
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

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